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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 644
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A RESOLUTION to honor Chancellor Frederick D. McDonald of Knoxville on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those Tennesseans who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Frederick D. McDonald is most assuredly one such exemplary citizen who is deserving of the special commendation of this body; and

WHEREAS, Judge McDonald will retire as Chancellor of the 6th Judicial District of Knox County at the end of his present term on August 31, 1998, thus completing 25 years of distinguished service on the bench; and

WHEREAS, born in Detroit, Chancellor McDonald was raised in the Western Michigan town of Hastings, where he attended elementary and high school; and

WHEREAS, a 1950 graduate of the University of Michigan, Chancellor McDonald was also graduated from the law school of that prestigious institution in 1951, receiving a degree of Doctorate of Jurisprudence, and served with distinction in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Pentagon, and later with the 3rd Infantry Division in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor McDonald engaged in the general practice of law, both civil and criminal, in Michigan from 1953-68 and thereafter in Knoxville; in 1973, he was appointed Chancellor by Governor Winfield Dunn to succeed William P. Newkirk; and

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WHEREAS, as a result of his estimable service to the good people of the 6th Judicial District, Chancellor McDonald was elected to three successive eight-year terms; and

WHEREAS, he has also served with probity as President of the Tennessee Judicial Conference; and

WHEREAS, as senior judge of Knox County's Chancery Court, Judge McDonald has served all citizens in a fair and impartial manner and has meted out justice with singular experience, judgment and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary 24-year career on the bench, Chancellor McDonald has always been committed to protecting the constitutional rights of every citizen, and has served with integrity, stability and honor as a distinguished member of Knox County's judiciary; and

WHEREAS, he has presided over a number of major cases, including litigation involving control of the Kerns Bakery companies, construction of the City-County Building, cases arising from the 1982 World's Fair, the collapse of the United American and City and County banking empires, transfer of the Knoxville city school system into the county system, litigation involving the acquisition of the *Knoxville Journal* by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, litigation arising from construction of Thompson-Boling Arena at the University of Tennessee, numerous Knoxville annexation cases and, most recently, proceedings to determine custody of 2-year-old Peter Lillelid, the sole survivor of the Lillelid family, who is now living with his aunt and uncle in Sweden; and

WHEREAS, despite the demands placed upon him, Chancellor McDonald has still found time to contribute his remarkable talents as a member of the Knoxville Exchange Club, the Rotary Club and the West Hills Community Association, serving with acumen as president of each of these organizations; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and achievements aside, Chancellor McDonald is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Ruth, their son, Tom, of

Knoxville, and daughter, Marilyn Rowlett, who lives with her husband and their grandchildren in Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor McDonald and his family evince their devout religious faith as members of the Presbyterian Church in which they have been active for many years; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a man of Frederick D. McDonald's stature walk among us, and it is fitting that he should be specially recognized for his life of purpose and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Chancellor Frederick D. McDonald our heartfelt thanks for his august service to the people of Tennessee and the 6th Judicial District, and wish him well in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Chancellor McDonald with this final clause omitted from such copy.